GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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Review of Proposals for New Mines
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review the previous / pending proposals of new mines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of new proposals of Northern Coalfields Limited, South Eastern Coalfields Limited, and Western Coalfields Limited in Madhya Pradesh pending with the Government and the time by which the said proposals are likely to be cleared; and

(d) whether any steps are being taken to commence the Sharada Project of Western Coalfields Limited and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER, NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): Periodic review and monitoring of the projects is an on-going process. Projects are reviewed at area level on fortnightly basis and at company head quarter level on monthly basis. At Government level, Ministry of Coal reviews the status of the implementation of projects costing Rs.150 crore and above on quarterly basis. Further all the pending issues of the on-going projects are being monitored regularly through Coal Project Monitoring Portal (e-CPMP) under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Coal). Also the project monitoring group of Cabinet Secretariat monitors the pending issues of the projects on monthly basis. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation monitors the status of on-going projects costing Rs.150 crore and above on monthly and quarterly basis.

(c): Fresh / New Forestry Clearance (FC) proposal with regard to Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL), South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) & Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) pending at Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and State Government. The table below shows that clearance of 11 out of 13 projects are pending at the level of State Government

Name of Project Subsidiary Forest Area (Ha) Stage-I or Stage-II Pending at Status of EC
Nigahi OC NCL 424.52 Stage-I State level Exists
Dudhichua OC NCL 467.80 Stage-I State level Exists
Mahakali OC WCL 193.19 Stage-I State level Exists
Chatarpur-I WCL 39.82 Stage-I State level Exists
Tawa-II WCL 201.11 Stage-I State level EC Application made for enhanced EC from 0.60 to 0.95 - subject to clearance of St-I FC
Jamuniya UG WCL 54.63 Stage-I State level Exists
Maori UG WCL 255.11 Stage-I State level Exists
Dhau North UG WCL 57.61 Stage-I State level EC Application pending - subject to clearance of St-I FC
Tandsi UG WCL 186.29 Stage-I State level Exists
Bhakra UG WCL 43.41 Stage-I State level Exists
Singori OC WCL 15.19 Stage-I MOEF&CC Exists
Rampur Batura SECL 76.84 Stage-I State level NO EC, Fresh application to be made
Dhanpuri OC SECL 4.10 Stage-II MOEF&CC Exists

(d): The Project Report (PR) of Sharada project of WCL is under review for viability of the project.
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